



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen

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Open Meeting MINUTES of April 4, 2012

Chairman:

Lawrence J. Chaffee

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Edward F. Kimball

Selectmen:

Deborah A. O'Brien

Michael P. Johnson

William H. Minahan, Jr.

Town Administrator:

Allan R. Chiocca

Executive Assistant:

Mary B. Stewart

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Monday, April 2, 2012 7 p.m.

H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOS

Mr. Chaffee read:

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OPEN FORUM

~Town Clerk Mary Pat Kaszanek spoke to the BOS and public to encourage the filing of absentee ballots because of some difficulties for seniors and others accessing the gym at the Rogers Middle School.

MINUTES

2. Open Session Minutes of March 19, 2012

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Minahan, 2nd Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

3. Executive Session Minutes of March 19, 2012

~MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 4-0-1 (Minahan).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. Approve Election Warrant

Mr. Chiocca read the Election Warrant into the record (see Attached).

~MOTION to approve the warrant by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 5-0.

5. Re-open Annual Town Meeting Warrant to add items

~MOTION to re-open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

ARTICLE #

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$42,800 (Forty-two thousand and eight hundred dollars) to fund the Memorial Park School boiler replacement with a National Grid Gas incentive or take any action relative thereto?

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Finance Committee Recommendations at Town Meeting

ARTICLE #

To see if the Town of Rockland will vote to amend Article IV section 415-15.C "Uses Requiring a Special Permit" in an I-1, "Limited Industrial Zoning District" of the Town of Rockland Zoning Code by adding " Supermarkets and/or other general retail stores" to be numbered at the next available number, or take any other action relative thereto?

Rockland Planning Board and Rockland Zoning Board of Appeals.

Finance Committee Recommendations at Town Meeting

ARTICLE #

To see if the Town will vote to accept MGL Chapter 32B, Section 20 authorizing the Town Treasurer to establish a separate fund to be known as the "Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund". The purpose of the fund will be to endeavor to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits to zero as of an actuarially acceptable period of years and to meet the normal cost of all

such future benefits for which the Town of Rockland is obligated. And further, to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to this fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Finance Committee Recommendations at Town Meeting

~MOTION to add the 3 articles to the Annual Town meeting Warrant by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 5-0.

~MOTION to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Fundraiser Walk @ Anderson Forest-Ken Sususki

Ken Sususki, Janet Cann, and Ginny Anderson appeared before the BOS to explain planned fundraisers for the Rockland Public Library. The Friends of the Library are planning a "Dining for a Cause" fundraiser at the "99 Restaurants on April 10 and a fun walk through the Anderson Town Forest on Saturday April 21, 2012 @ 10 to 2.

MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

7. Request to establish Police Department Senior Officers Bargaining Unit

The Superior Officers (Sergeants and Lieutenant) of the Rockland Police Department petitioned the BOS to be recognized as a separate bargaining unit from the Rockland Police Officer's current Union.

MOTION to approve by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- A. The BOS were informed Rockland's Chapter 90 funding would be \$399,686.00 for FY13. This is within \$1000.00 of the FY12 appropriation of \$398,777.00.
- B. Mr. Chiocca announced he has been recertified as a Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official.

- C. The BOS were informed that a Federal Tiger Grant Application had been filed by SSTTDC to fund the necessary road improvements to Weymouth Street, Reservoir Park Drive and Hingham Street for continued construction at the old base.
- D. Announced the Police Chief has ended the Winter Parking Ban
- E. Announced an auction of Town owned property at 81 Pleasant Street Rear, on April 11, @10AM.
- F. Announced an Open Space Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday April 12, @ 6:30 PM at Town Hall to review and continue plans for the new Rail Trail.
- G. Announced a Spring Fling to be held by the Downtown Vitalization Committee on April 21st at 2 to 6 PM on School Street, details to follow at the next meeting.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Chaffee read:

Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.

Mr. Minahan ~Please remember to vote on April 14.

~Explained question 2 is a debt exclusion, question 3 is an override.

Mr. Johnson ~Congratulations to the outdoor lacrosse teams for their progress.

~Thinks the Rail Trail is coming along great and will be a gem when finally cleaned up.

~Please remember to vote in the Town election.

Ms. O'Brien ~Attended the recent meat raffle to support the 8th grade field trip.

~Toured the 2 School projects with Superintendent Retchless.

~Read a list of the contributors to the Union Street bench, bike rack, and tree program.

~Attended the Lions Club Easter Egg Breakfast.

~Please remember to vote at the Town Elections.

Mr. Kimball ~Happy Easter to everyone.

~Remember to vote please.

Mr. Chaffee ~Happy Easter everyone.

~Invited Dave Murphy of WRPS to explain the power outages this past weekend. Mr. Murphy believes the electrical outages have been resolved.

Candidate's night is available on line.

~Please remember to vote

~Congratulations to The Rockland High School Hockey team.

MOTION to adjourn by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 5-0.

Meeting ended at 8:01 PM

Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator

Edward F. Kimball, Vice Chairman
for the Rockland Board of Selectmen

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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Attached-Election Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF ROCKLAND
WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Plymouth: SS;

To one of the Constables in the Town of Rockland, County of Plymouth and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections, to vote at:

**Precincts One, Two, Three and Four
Rogers Middle School Gymnasium
100 Taunton Avenue**

**Precincts Five and Six
R. Stewart Esten School Gymnasium
733 Summer Street**

On Saturday, the fourteenth day of April 2012, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to cast their votes in the annual Town Election for the election of candidates for the following offices:

One Town Clerk for three years
One Treasurer for three years
One Town Collector for three years
One Selectman for three years
One Assessor for three years
One Board of Health Member for three years
One Housing Authority Commissioner for five years
Two Library Trustees for three years
One Park Commissioner for three years
One Planning Board Member for five years
Two School Committee Members for three years
One Sewer Commissioner for three years
One Water Commissioner for three years

And to vote **YES** or **NO** on the following questions :

Question 1

"Shall the Town of Rockland be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs of designing, construction, originally equipping and furnishing a Senior Center, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?"

Question 2

Shall the Town of Rockland be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to fund the design, engineering, repair and reconstruction of the streets listed below, including all costs incidental and related thereto?

BERLIN STREET	EXCHANGE STREET	PIERCE ROAD
BIGELOW AVENUE	FLORENCE STREET	PINE HILL TERRACE
BLANCHARD STREET	FOLEY ROAD	PROSPECT STREET
BLOSSOM STREET	FRANKLIN AVENUE	REED STREET
BROOKS ROAD	GEORGE STREET	S DOUGLAS STREET
BROOKSIDE ROAD	GLEN STREET	SCHOOL STREET
BUTTERNUT LANE	GREEN STREET	SHAW ROAD
CHRISTINE AVENUE	HOLBROOK STREET	SALEM STREET
CLARK ROAD	HOWARD STREET	STANTON STREET
CLIFF STREET	HUGGINS ROAD	SUMMER STREET (from the intersection of Spring and Beech Street to the Hanover town line)
CONCORD STREET	JOHNSON TERRACE	SUNNYBANK AVENUE
CONDON CIRCLE	JOSH GRAY ROAD	TIRRELL DRIVE
COTTONWOOD LANE	LANCASTER STREET	
CULVER DRIVE	LEVIN ROAD	UPPER CRESCENT STREET
CUSTER STREET	LINWOOD TERRACE	VERNON STREET
DAVIS ROAD	LOWER CRESCENT STREET	VINTON TERRACE
DELPRETE AVENUE	LOWER REED STREET	WALL STREET
DEXTER ROAD	MAPLE STREET	WEBSTER STREET
DIVISION STREET	MYRTLE STREET	WILLIAM STREET
DOWD ROAD	NEVINS CIRCLE	

DURBECK ROAD	NORMAN STREET
DYER STREET	N DOUGLAS STREET
EMERSON STREET	OLD MARKET STREET
EVERETT STREET	PACIFIC STREET

Question 3

Shall the Town of Rockland be allowed to assess an additional \$875,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of repair and maintenance of public ways for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012?

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies in each of the six precincts no later than seven days preceding said election.

Hereof and fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon for the Town Clerk at the time and place of such election.

Given under our hands this ____ day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Lawrence J. Chaffee, Chairman

Edward F. Kimball, Vice Chairman

William E. Minahan, Jr.

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